ing land and 3154 hectares of non-coal bearing land.

(b) The non-coal bearing lands include 923 hectares of agricultural land: part of which is paddy land yielding only one crop in a year.

(c) Paddy land is generally located in small enclaves, surrounded on all its sides by non-paddy lands being acquired for the project. Its geographical location, therefore, makes it difficult to exclude paddy land from acquisition. Besides, non-coal bearing agricultural land, including paddy land, is required for activities like workshop, stores, washeries, CHP, explosive dumps, magazine, railway line etc.

**Waiting list for telephone, connections in Chenganoor, Kerala**

1281. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list category-wise for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide telephone connections to the applicants during this year; and

(c) what is the present status of the Electronic Exchange proposed for Chenganoor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list, category-wise, for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State is as under as on 1-4-88.

| OYT | NON-OYT | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | SPL | GENL. | |
| 69 | 43 | 385 | 497 |

(b) Yes, Sir, there is a proposal to expand the existing capacity by 100 lines (700 to 800 lines) during the current year (1988-89). This will be further expanded by 500 lines (800—1300 lines) during 1989-90.

(c) An Electronic Exchange of 2000 lines capacity has been allotted for 1991-92 for Chenganoor.

**Complaint about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery**

1282. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villagers of village Nimcha under P.S. Raniganj, Asansol have lodged a complaint with the General Manager, ECL, Satgram Area, P.O. Devchandnagar, Distt. Bardhaman in January, 1988 about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery as a result of which cultivated land is getting damaged; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by ECL in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The residents of village Nimcha Police Station, Raniganj, Asansol had lodged a complaint with the General Manager, Eastern Coalfields Limited Satgram area in January, 1988 about the depillaring operations in Modern Satgram Colliery. About 22.33 acres of land has been affected by the depillaring operations in the area.

(b) ECL has offered payment of crop compensation to the affected villagers at the existing rate of Rs. 275 per year per Bigha for 5 years in addition to levelling charges of the land. The villagers have not accepted the crop compensation offered by the company and want compensa-